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**PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME
under C.F.R. § 1.136(a)**

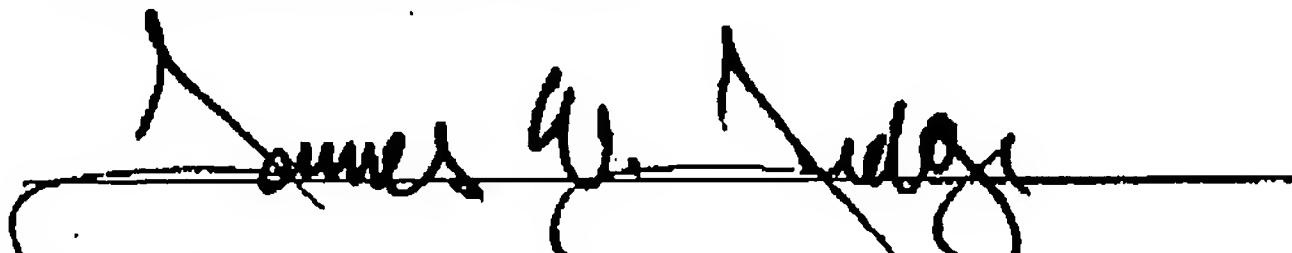
Sir:

For replying to the Office action dated December 2, 2005 in the patent application identified above, Applicant(s) hereby requests an extension of time of One month, from March 2, 2006 to April 2, 2006.

Accompanying this paper is a Fee Transmittal, indicating the \$120 fee under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(a) for reply within the first month. Form PTO-2038 to make payment of the fee by credit card is attached to the Fee Transmittal.

Respectfully submitted,

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